

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4351–S4443

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 911–932, and S. Res. 126–127. **Pages S4397–98**

Measures Passed:

Vermont Dairy Festival: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 118, recognizing June 2 through June 5, 2005, as the “Vermont Dairy Festival,” in honor of Harold Howrigan for his service to his community and the Vermont dairy industry, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S4431–32**

Honoring Fred T. Korematsu: Senate agreed to S. Res. 126, honoring Fred T. Korematsu for his loyalty and patriotism to the United States and expressing condolences to his family, friends, and supporters on his death. **Pages S4432–34**

Congratulating Charter Schools: Senate agreed to S. Res. 127, congratulating charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education. **Pages S4434–35**

Transportation Equity Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and then began consideration of the bill, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4370–77, S4380–84**

Adopted:

Talent Amendment No. 582 (to Amendment No. 567), to direct the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a program to promote the safe and efficient operation of first responder vehicles. **Pages S4377–78, S4380**

Inhofe (for Shelby/Sarbanes) Amendment No. 573 (to Amendment No. 567), to amend chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, to improve the Nation’s public transportation. **Page S4384**

Pending:

Inhofe Amendment No. 567, to provide a complete substitute. **Pages S4370–77, S4380–84**

Bayh Amendment No. 568 (to Amendment No. 567), to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that the provisions relating to countervailing duties apply to nonmarket economy countries. **Pages S4373–77, S4380–84**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 28, 2005. **Page S4435**

Nomination: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S4431**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, April 29, 2005. **Page S4431**

Nomination: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Stephen L. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S4431**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, April 29, 2005. **Page S4431**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 111), J. Michael Seabright, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii. **Pages S4378–80, S4443**

Luis Luna, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Major General Don T. Riley, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission.

Howard J. Krongard, of New Jersey, to be Inspector General, Department of State.

Brigadier General William T. Grisoli, United States Army, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission.

Charles F. Conner, of Indiana, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Shara L. Aranoff, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring December 16, 2012.

David Horton Wilkins, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to Canada.

Dennis P. Walsh, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2009.

11 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—111)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:59 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 28, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4435.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Grassley, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary, Tina Jonas, Under Secretary (Comptroller), and General Richard Myers, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

CONSTELLATION ARCHITECTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a closed hearing to examine the Constellation Architecture Panel, after receiving testimony from General James E. Cartwright, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; Charlie Allen, Deputy Director of Intelligence for Collection; Dennis Fitzgerald, Acting Director, National Reconnaissance Office; Leo Hazelwood, Constellation Architecture Panel; and Tom Boehling, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

APPROPRIATIONS: SAA/CAPITOL POLICE BOARD/CAPITOL GUIDE SERVE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for activities of the Sergeant at Arms, the U.S. Capitol Police Board, and the Capitol Guide Service, after receiving testimony from William H. Pickle, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, and Alan Hantman, Architect of the Capitol, all on behalf of the Capitol Police Board and Capitol Guide Board; and Terrance Gainer, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Maria Cino, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, Phyllis F. Scheinberg, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, Joseph H. Boardman, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration Department of Transportation, Nancy Ann Nord, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and William Cobey, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills: